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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2001, please amend the at patent application as follows:

In the claims:

### **CLEAN AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. (Amended) A fiber-reinforced article comprised of at least two plies wherein each of said plies comprises (a) rubber and (b) cord made from melt-spinnable, non-metallic, multifilament fiber, said cord having

a twist multiplier of less than or equal to about 375,

a stress at 1% strain greater than or equal to about 1.7 grams/denier, and

an initial compressive modulus greater than or equal to about 7 grams/denier, and

said at least two plies having a ply orientation angle of greater than or equal to about 23°.

4. (Amended) The article of claim 1 where said ply orientation angle of said at least two plies is greater than or equal to about 26°.

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